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**STATE BEACHES & POOLS TO START OPENING  
ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

The Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced plans to open and staff their most popular beaches and pools in time for Memorial Day weekend. This will be one of the earliest seasonal openings ever for DCR beaches and pools: 18 beaches and 10 spray and wading pools will be open and staffed by lifeguards starting on Saturday, May 27.

"I am pleased to see these facilities opening for Memorial Day Weekend," said EOEA Secretary Stephen R. Pritchard. "It is through the great effort of the staff at DCR that we will have these facilities open earlier than ever before with lifeguards scheduled to work at our most popular beaches and pools. I encourage all visitors to have fun and stay safe."

Beginning Saturday, May 27, 2006 lifeguards will be located at Nantasket Beach in Hull, Carson Beach in South Boston, Pleasure Bay Beach in South Boston, Houghton's Pond in Milton, John A. Pearce Lake in Saugus, Sandy Beach in Winchester, Nahant Beach in Nahant, Revere Beach in Revere, College Pond in Plymouth, Scussett Beach in Sandwich, Demarest Lloyd Beach in Dartmouth, Horseneck Beach in Westport, Salisbury Beach in Salisbury, Walden Pond Main Beach in Concord, Cochituate State Park in Natick, Hopkinton Beach in Hopkinton, Wallum Lake Beach in Douglas and Chicopee State Park Beach in Chicopee.

Ten DCR pools, which are scheduled to open Saturday May 27, 2006, include Johnson Wading Pool in Jamaica Plain, Stony Brook Spray Deck in Jamaica Plain, Artesani Wading Pool in Brighton, Beaver Brook Spray Deck in Belmont, Lee Spray pool in Boston, Moynihan Wading Pool in Hyde Park, Freetown Wading Pool in Freetown and Bradley Palmer Wading Pool in Topsfield. All other pools will open on Fathers Day Weekend, Saturday, June 17, 2006 coinciding with the end of the school year for most Massachusetts schools.

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While the beginning of spring and the opening of beaches and pools is an exciting time, DCR urges recreational users to practice safe water use:

- Parents should watch young children at all times especially at beaches that do not yet have lifeguards
- No one should swim alone
- Severe weather conditions, especially lighting can create hazardous swimming situations
- Be aware of rip currents at ocean beaches
- Practice sun safety: always wear sun screen and avoid direct sun exposure
- Read posted signs and warnings and always wear a personal floatation device when using kayaks, canoes or motor boats.

DCR Commissioner Stephen H. Burrington echoed the Secretary's sentiments: "I am happy we will have a number of pools and beaches open to visitors so early in the season with the remaining pools opening up in mid June," he said. "We hope children and families take advantage of the early opening this year."

Pools are open from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week. However, hours may vary at certain facilities depending on use. DCR recommends checking with local pools for specific hours. A list of all DCR facilities and their contact info is available by visiting their website <http://www.massparks.org>.

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## **DCR Swimming Pools Listed by Town/Neighborhood:**

### **Brighton**

Artesani Playground Wading Pool, 1255 Soldiers Field Rd.

### **Hyde Park**

Moynihan Wading Pool, 920 Truman Parkway

### **Jamaica Plain**

Johnson Playground Spray Deck, Corner of Lamartine and Green Streets, Southwest Corridor Park

Stony Brook Spray Deck, corner of Lamartine and Boylston, Southwest Corridor Park

### **Mattapan**

Ryan Wading Pool, 350 River Street

### **Roxbury**

Mission Hill Spray Deck, Behind Boston Police Headquarters, Southwest Corridor Park

### **West End Boston**

Lee Memorial Wading Pool, 280 Charles St.

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**Belmont**

Beaver Brook Spray Deck, Trapelo Rd.

**Freetown**

Freetown State Forest Wading Pool, Slab Bridge Rd

**Topsfield** (\$5.00 per car to enter park)

Bradley Palmer Wading Pool, Asbury St.

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